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NSC BRIEFING

8 November 1956

SOVIET POSITION IN SUEZ CRISIS

I. Question is how far Soviets will go?

A. Ambassador Bohlen warns that "Soviet people are being conditioned for any action which (Soviet) government may be preparing."

1. There have been Soviet mob attacks on British embassy, mass rallies and unusual volume of internal propaganda. Same in China.

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[REDACTED] Soviets have made every effort to stiffen Arab determination to fight back and to prevent Arab psychological collapse.

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The Chinese officially announced on 7 November:

"The Chinese Government and people cannot stand idly by while Egypt's sovereignty and territory is subjected to any form of encroachment. ..."

"The Chinese Government and people ... are willing to adopt all effective measures within our ability, including material aid, to support Egypt's struggle."

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